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SUBJECT: HAYKAL CLAIMS SADAT OFFERED HIM HIGH CABINET POST

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED JULY 12 COPY OF BEIRUT DAILY AL-ANWAR CONTAINING COLUMN BY FORMER AHARAM EDITOR HASANAYN HAYKAL. IN IT HE ALLEGES PRESIDENT SADAT OFFERED HIM POSITION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN APRIL 1975 CABINET RESHUFFLE, BUT "I APPEALED TO HIM (SADAT) AND HE ACCEPTED MY APPEAL".

2. IN DISCUSSION OF "CENTERS OF POWER", HAYKAL CLAIMS HE COINED PHRASE, BUT WAS NEVER ONE OF THESE CENTERES. HE DEFINES CENTERES OF POWER AS PERSONS IN MILITARY OR POLICE, WITH OWN MILITIA OR LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS. AFTER NASSER'S DEATH, CENTERS OF POWER TRIED TO "ELIMINATE" HAYKAL AND USED THIS AS STEP ON ROAD TO ELIMINATION OF SADAT. IN MAY 1971, HAYKAL WRITES, HE WAS ONE OF THREE PEOPLE WHO COULD BE CALLED SADAT'S FRIEND.

3. IN CONTEXT OF CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO HIS ABRUPT DEPARTURE FROM AHARAM, HAYKAL WRITES "IT IS REGRETTABLE
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WHAT HAPPENDED, BUT I DON'T REPENT. I USED MY RIGHT (TO

PUBLICIZE MY OPINION) AND OTHERS USED THEIR AUTHORITY (TO
FIRE ME) AND I BELIEVE THIS IS FAIR."

4. COMMENT: HAYKAL'S NAME NEVER CAME UP IN SUBSTANTIAL
PRE-CABINET CHANGE RUMOR MILL LAST APRIL AND AS FAR AS WE ARE
AWARE, SADAT NEVER CONSIDERED HIM FOR ANY CABINET POSITION,
LET ALONE FOR DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERSHIP. HAYKAL'S CLAIM
SEEMS TO BE NOT UNCHARACTERISTIC ATTEMPT AT
SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT; OTHER COMMENTS RANGE FROM THE PETULANT
TO THE ALOFF.
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